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(54) Title: NEAR-VIDEO-ON-DEMAND STREAM FILTERING

			number	homes node
master headend			1	200,000
metro headend		x 5	5	40,000
hub		x 5	25	3,000
fiber node		x 20	500	400
coax		x 4	2,000	100
home		x 100	200,000	1

(57) **Abstract:** A broadcast system 100 for broadcasting at least one title using a near-video-on-demand broadcasting protocol includes a plurality of broadcast receivers 150. A hierarchical network of data distributors starts from a central distributor 110 through at least one layer of intermediate distributors 120, 130, 140 to the broadcast receivers for broadcasting the title as a sequence of data blocks. A least one filter controller 180 receives requests from broadcast receivers for the supply of the title and controls at least one intermediate distributor to filter out data blocks of the title that have not been requested by receivers hierarchically below the intermediate distributor.



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